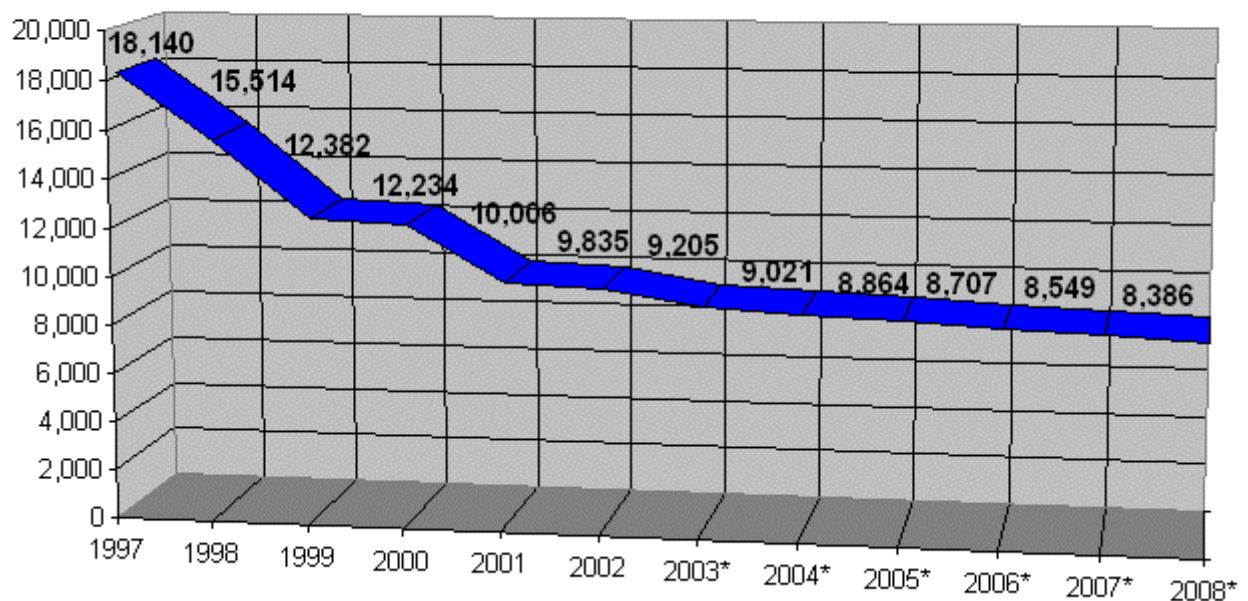


## Economic Overview - Manufacturing - Apparel and Textile Manufacturing

The El Paso Economic Adjustment Strategic Plan argued that for a number of years, El Paso was defying the national decline in the apparel and textile industry. From 1990 to 1994, the city added 5,500 jobs in the apparel sector. Further, nearly half of El Paso's 50,000 manufacturing jobs in 1994 were in the apparel and textile industry. More recently, El Paso has been unable to sustain this growth. With the peso falling in value in recent years, several large apparel producers relocated operations across the border to take advantage of growing wage differentials between the United States and Mexico.

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Source: UTEP Border Modeling Project